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PASS NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE WASHDC S/FW-COA

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SUBJ: CFZ VIOLATION AKUTAN ISLAND

REF: A. STATE 184155; B. TOKYO 11948

1. PER REFTEL B, REGFISHATT CALLED ON KUNIO YONEZAWA (COUN-
CILLOR, DIVISION MARINE FISHERIES AND ADVISOR, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS,
FISHERY AGENCY) AT 0930 THIS MORNING, REVIEWING VIOLATION CFZ
BY MITSU MARU NO. 30 AND PURSUIT BY CGC JARVIS.

2. FOLLOWING ACTION TAKEN BY FISHERY AGENCY: (1) AT REQUEST
REGFISHATT, CABLES SENT 1220 JST 9/16 TOKA MARU, KONAN MARU AND
SEKI MARU DIRECTING THESE VESSELS TO CONTACT COGARD KODIAK AND
CGC JARVIS DIRECTLY AND REQUEST CGC STOP VESSEL WITHOUT
FIRING ON VESSEL. REGFISHATT UNCERTAIN WHAT IF ANY ROLE KONAN MARU
PLAYED IN APPREHENSION OF VESSEL.

3. AT 2200 JST KONAN MARU ALSO ORDERED TO PROCEED TO KODIAK.

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4. JFA RECEIVED WORD 0930 JST 9/17 VESSEL HAD BEEN STOPPED AND PROCEEDING KODIAK IN CUSTODY CGC JARVIS.

5. YONEZAWA FURTHER STATED THAT IF LOCATION, ETC. CORRECT, THIS WAS CLEAR VIOLATION US-JAPAN BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND SUBJECT U.S. COURT ACTION, ALSO VESSEL PROBABLY IN VIOLATION JAPANESE DOMESTIC LAW AND SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL ACTION IN JAPAN.

6. ECON/COUNS ALSO BROUGHT INCIDENT TO ATTENTION OF SEIYA NISHIDA (DEPUTY-DIRECTOR GENERAL, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU, FONOFF) BUT RECEIVED NO COMMENT.

7. REGFISHATT CALLED ON MORIMOTO (FIRST NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION, FONOFF) THIS AFTERNOON. SERIOUSNESS OF INCIDENT EXPLAINED (U.S. FISHERY INDUSTRY AND USG CONCERN OVER REPEATED VIOLATIONS THIS YEAR OF INPFC AND CFZ). REGFISHATT STRONGLY URGED FONOFF TAKE POSITIVE MEASURES TO PREVENT RECURRENCE SUCH INCIDENTS.

8. MORIMOTO HAD CONTACTED JFA EARLIER TO OBTAIN PARTICULARS OF INCIDENT, REALIZED SERIOUSNESS OF PROBLEM AND EXPRESSED CONCERN. MORIMOTO ACKNOWLEDGED MITSU MARU NO. 30 IN CLEAR VIOLATION U.S.-JAPAN BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND OF JAPANESE DOMESTIC LAW. FONOFF NOW WAITING FURTHER INFO FROM EMBASSY WASHDC.

9. ALTHOUGH MORIMOTO DID NOT CLARIFY MEASURES WHICH FONOFF MIGHT TAKE, HE STATED THAT TOSHIHIKO OHBA (CHIEF, DIVISION MARINE FISHERIES, JFA) WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED AND HAD PERSONALLY CONTACTED ALL JAPAN TRAWLERS ASSOCIATION OVER INCIDENT AND INSTRUCTED ASSOCIATION TO DEVELOP CONTROL TO PREVENT SIMILAR INCIDENTS IN FUTURE. OHBA ALSO ORDERED TOKO MARU TO PROCEED KODIAK.

10. MORIMOTO FULLY AWARE SERIOUSNESS OF INCIDENT JUST BEFORE INPFC AND EXPRESSED EMBARRASSMENT OVER REPEATED VIOLATIONS.

11. REGFISHATT REQUESTED FONOFF KEEP HIM CLOSELY ADVISED OF MEASURES TAKEN BY GOJ REGARDING MITSU MARU AND PREVENTION OF FURTHER VIOLATIONS.
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